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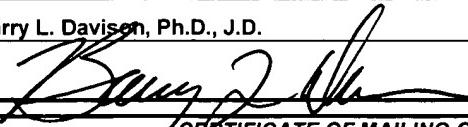
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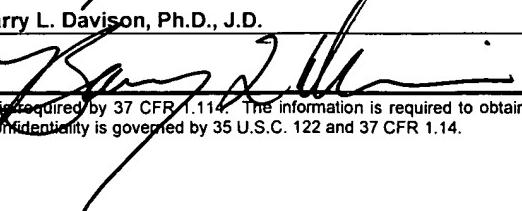
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  - b.  Enclosed
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    - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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  - b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
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    - i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
    - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.  Check in the amount of \$ 870 Enclosed
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, AND  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated 13 January 2004 for the above-identified patent application. Please extend the time for response three months, up to and including, 13 July 2004. A Request for a Three-Month Extension of time and the required fee are enclosed.

Additionally, a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is attached hereto, along with the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: